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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Operations Branch, WFO

SUBJECT : Edwards Air Force Base

1. On 11 May 1960, [redacted] WFO, met with Lt. Col. Richmond to discuss the possible closing of Edwards Air Force Base and its effect on WFO.

2. [redacted] stated that if we moved out of North Base the following would probably occur:

a. The IRAN line scheduled through July 1961 would have to be relocated or WFO would have to provide a base complement for guards, firefighters, tower, etc. The result would be that WFO would attempt to relocate the IRAN line at Burbank C-1 area. It would take about 6 weeks to phase out the IRAN line at Edwards.

b. A facility for flight test of IRAN aircraft would be required if Burbank could not be used.

c. The four ARDC aircraft at North Base would have to move over to Main Base Edwards raising security, fuel, specialized base facilities problems, etc.

d. New arrangements would be required to support both Project and WFO U-2 aircraft with flight test facilities for testing, modifications, changes, new equipment, etc.

3. [redacted] however, stated that none of the above items was unsurmountable in itself. Lt. Col. Richmond agreed to keep him advised on Headquarters developments.

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Chief, Contracts Branch, WFO

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